

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
March 31, 2016**

- Introductions - Cindy Skrukud, Eric Schoeny, Rob Linke, Byron Ritchason, Tom Muth, Kyla Jacobsen and Bob Trueblood
 - Guests: Maggie Soliz, Cecilia Govrik, Eric Weck, Art Malm, Jeffrey Dawson, Kurt Muth, Archana Kuchimanchi, Mike Ott, Jeff Freeman, Karen Young, John Lamb, Bob Morris, Walter Voegel, Laura Marcasciano, Carl Fischer, John Frerich, Mike Machesky, Karen Clementi, Randy Hummer, Jack Russell, Abel Haile, Clint Bailey, Beth Vogt

- Minutes
 - December 17, 2015 minutes - motion by Bob Trueblood seconded by Byron Ritchason, passed unanimously with one abstention.

- Treasurer's Report – Tom
 - Financial report - ending balance as of 2/29 is \$125,144.57. That balance does not reflect checks received from Aurora and Elgin.
 - Invoices to pay:
 - Sec. of State Annual Report \$10 - made by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Tom Muth. Passed unanimously.
 - Limnotech invoices - motion to pay \$5025 for 2 invoices, made by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Rob Linke. Passed unanimously
 - 2015 Audit- Tom will check with auditors and report plan at next meeting. Board members please supply In-kind time/expenses reporting.

- Chair's Report– Cindy
 - Non-Point Source Control Measure Tracking Tool webinar on website - all the materials are posted.
 - Megan Andrews will be new FREP rep - Candice has left Kane Co. SWCD. Megan is from Kendall Co SWCD.
 - Kane County Riverboat grant application submitted last month. The application was authorized by the board via email and verified at this board meeting.
 - Fox River Summit was held on Mar. 18. FRSG had display and handed out copies of FRIP executive summary.
 - Upcoming presentations:
 - The Conversation Foundation Kane County Advisory Council on May 12.
 - Kyla mentioned the NE IL water summit on May 12. Cindy will reach out to Josh Ellis or Danielle Gallet to get on agenda.
 - FVOA Aug. 18 presentation - Bob Trueblood and/or Gary Swick will handle this. It will be in Carpentersville.
 - Illinois Water Conference Oct. 25-27 in Champaign. We will present as part of a session on what watershed groups are doing to address nutrient issues.
 - Other presentations -
 - W. Dundee, E. Dundee - Bob and Beth have reached out to them
 - Maybe reach out to Ag community regarding the tracking tool. Cindy will follow up with Farm Bureau and soil and water districts.
 - Cindy will set up a FB page and LinkedIn page for FRSG.

- Discussion Items
 - Report on officers' meetings with IEPA (Feb. 3 and Mar. 23)
 - Draft presentation for USEPA has been developed from those meetings. Cindy is updating the presentation incorporating the feedback from IEPA. Then she will send out and we will follow up with a conference call to tweak.
 - Need to include our asks for non-point source reporting of their phosphorus reductions
 - Amy connected us with USEPA staffer from in Region 4 who is "expert" in the QUAL2K model. Still waiting to hear from him on the model.
 - Aeration was discussed
 - Take a more active approach with dam removal.
 - 1) Army Corps study on dams is on hold due to lack of state match.
 - 2) Some studies proceeding on Carpenter dam removal; N Aurora dam removal on hold due to hold on state funds. Funds are still available at IDNR but not being released.
 - Cindy will work on how to proceed to get the funding for the Army Corps Study freed up.
 - Monitoring activities
 - Investigating problem stretches indicated by modeling
 - We said that we are going to look at specific reaches where modeling indicates low DO levels that we have not verified with sampling. Karen had some outstanding questions: what are the other data that we need to collect? 6 sites, maybe add a couple more, since we need at least a team and a half, just make it two teams. Need to determine what are the data needs. Monitoring subgroup (Mike, Cindy, Jack Russell, Karen, Art Malm) should work all this out. And then they will come back to the whole board with a recommendation.
 - Continuous DO monitoring by USGS – Clint reported they have Sonde equipment that they are willing to loan. This could be installed between Algonquin and Carpenter dams where modeling suggests there is a low DO reach caused by benthic algae.
 - New MS4 permit requirement (Part III) states that all communities must be following any existing watershed management plan.
 - MS4s need to document their phosphorus reductions and report to FRSG.
 - Rob will convene a April 12, 1 PM in the Kane County auditorium including IEPA to discuss the new permit, our MS4 tracking tool and ways we can work together as a watershed on permit requirements.
 - Updated budget/funding plan - future plans for monitoring will be dependent on future funds.
 - Abel stated that when we meet with USEPA, we will need to discuss timeline for our activities.
- Next meeting
 - 9:30 am, April 28 at Fox Metro